1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7.	Punjab	12360	960	—	—	11400	
8.	Haryana	13540	400	—	600	12540	
9.	Rajasthan	22140	4000	—	14750	3390	
10.	Orissa	1500	75	—	1425	—	
11.	West Bengal	375	375	—	—	—	
	GRAND TOTAL:	238224	64135	2000	38659	133430	

Extension of Budge Budge-Naihati rail line up to Bandel

*413. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the long pending demand for extension of the existing Budge Budge-Naihati rail line up to Bandel; and

(b) if so, whether Government is considering the same?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) and (b) As per available records, there is no such pending proposal for extension of Budge-Budge-Naihati line upto Bandel. A double line connection already exists from Budge-Budge to Naihati. Naihati to Bandel is connected via Jubilee bridge which is a single line (gauntleted track). Presently, a new Jubilee bridge with double line is under construction in lieu of the old one to improve connectivity.

Delay in Food Security Legislation

*414. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there would be delay in bringing the Food Security Legislation due to absence of consensus on measurement of poverty amongst different Government agencies;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry of Rural Development had given any proposal to define the 'Below Poverty Line' criteria; and

(c) the position of his Ministry in this regard and the parameters of poverty described by his Ministry and by different Government agencies?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) Planning Commission is the nodal agency of Central Government for estimating poverty at national and State levels. Based on poverty estimates of Planning Commission, the Ministry of Rural Development issues guidelines for identification of BPL families in rural areas. The earlier guidelines issued by Ministry of Rural Development were

for BPL Census 2002. For the next round of BPL census, the Ministry of Rural Development is yet to issue the guidelines.

The Department of Food and PD uses the poverty estimates of Planning Commission and population estimates of Registrar General of India to work out the number of BPL families for allocations of foodgrains under Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS). Presently the allocations are made for 6.52 crore BPL families based on 1993-94 poverty estimates of Planning Commission and March, 2000 population estimates of Registrar General of India.

Government proposes to enact the National Food Security Act which will entitle BPL families to receive certain minimum quantities of foodgrains per month. However, consultations with various stake holders are presently in progress to work out exact details of various aspects of the proposed law, including the number of BPL families to be covered.

Rail-cum-road bridge at Bogibeel

*415. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of construction of rail-cum-road bridge at Bogibeel over the river Brahmaputra in Assam;

(b) by when the project would be completed; and

(c) what is the estimated cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) and (b) The work on various activities of Bogibeel rail-cum-road bridge has been taken up including land acquisition, earthwork, minor and major bridges on the link lines. The land acquisition and boulder collection for guide bunds and protection works is nearing completion. Earthwork to the tune of 248.53 lakh cum out of 298.78 lakh cum, 13 super structure out of 19 major bridges and 90 out of 98 minor bridges have been completed. For the main bridge, sub-structure, well foundations have been taken up and for the super structure, tender is under process. The work of South guide bund has also been taken up. Moranhat-Dibrugarh-Chalkhowa (44 km) new line has been completed. An expenditure of Rs. 1392.20 crore has been incurred on the project upto 31.03.09. The target for completion of the project is March, 2014.

(c) Anticipated cost of the project is Rs. 3087.44 crore.

Adulteration in food items

†*416. SHRI VEER PAL SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken concrete measures to check adulteration in food items on a large scale;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.